



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner T. Nguyen

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Group Art Unit 2872

For : STAGE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL
MICROSCOPE INCLUDING Z-AXIS STAGE
AND PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR FOR
RECTILINEAR TRANSLATION OF Z STAGE

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Sir:

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Responsive to the final Office action dated December 19, 2005, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing that begins on page
6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.